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Commissioner for Patents**Election/Restrictions**

Newly submitted claims 25- 47 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Claim 25 is directed to code for control step of controlling a focusing operation to a plurality of focusing targets which is different from control means for controlling the scrolling of information displayed in the display region as per citation of claim 1; and claim 26 is directed to a control means for obtaining the control signal from said storage means which is different from control means for controlling the scrolling of information displayed in the display region by selecting control signals stored in the management table as per citation of claim 1; and claim 27 is directed to storage means for storing a control signal which is different from storage means for a management table for storing control signals as per citation of claim 1; and claim 28 is directed to display orientation in either a first direction which is parallel to one side of the display screen or a second direction which is perpendicular to the first direction which is different from designation means for designating a display orientation of the display region as per citation of claim 1; and claim 31 is directed to input means for inputting directional information which indicates a direction of a focusing operation to a focusing target in the information displayed in the display which is different from input means affixed to the information processing apparatus for inputting directional information wherein said input means is a jog dial switch or a shuttle switch as per citation of claim 1; and claim 33 is directed to a receiving step of receiving directional information from directional information input means affixed to the information processing apparatus which is different from input means affixed to the information processing apparatus for inputting directional information wherein said input means is a jog dial switch or a shuttle switch as per citation of claim 1; and claim 36 is directed to control signal corresponding to the display orientation designated in said designation step and the directional information received in said received step which is different from control means for controlling the scrolling of information displayed in the display region as per citation of claim 1; and claim 39 is directed to a receiving step of receiving direction information which indicates a direction of scrolling of the information from directional information input means which is different from control means for controlling the scrolling of information displayed in the display region as per citation of claim 1; and claim 44 is directed to a receiving step of receiving directional information from directional information input means, wherein said directional information indicates a direction of a focusing operation to a focusing target in the information displayed in the display screen which is different from control means for controlling the scrolling of information displayed in the display region as per citation of claim 1.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 25- 47 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Conclusion

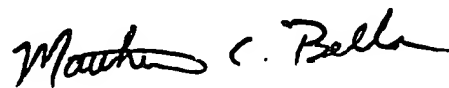
This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Restriction to the newly added claims 25- 47 shown above. This matter can be resolved by canceling claims 25- 47.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of office action dated April 29, 2004 (paper number 16).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).



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